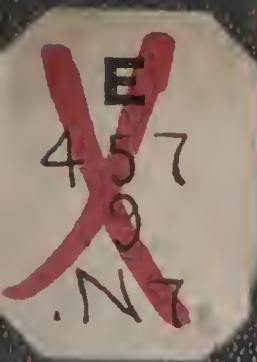


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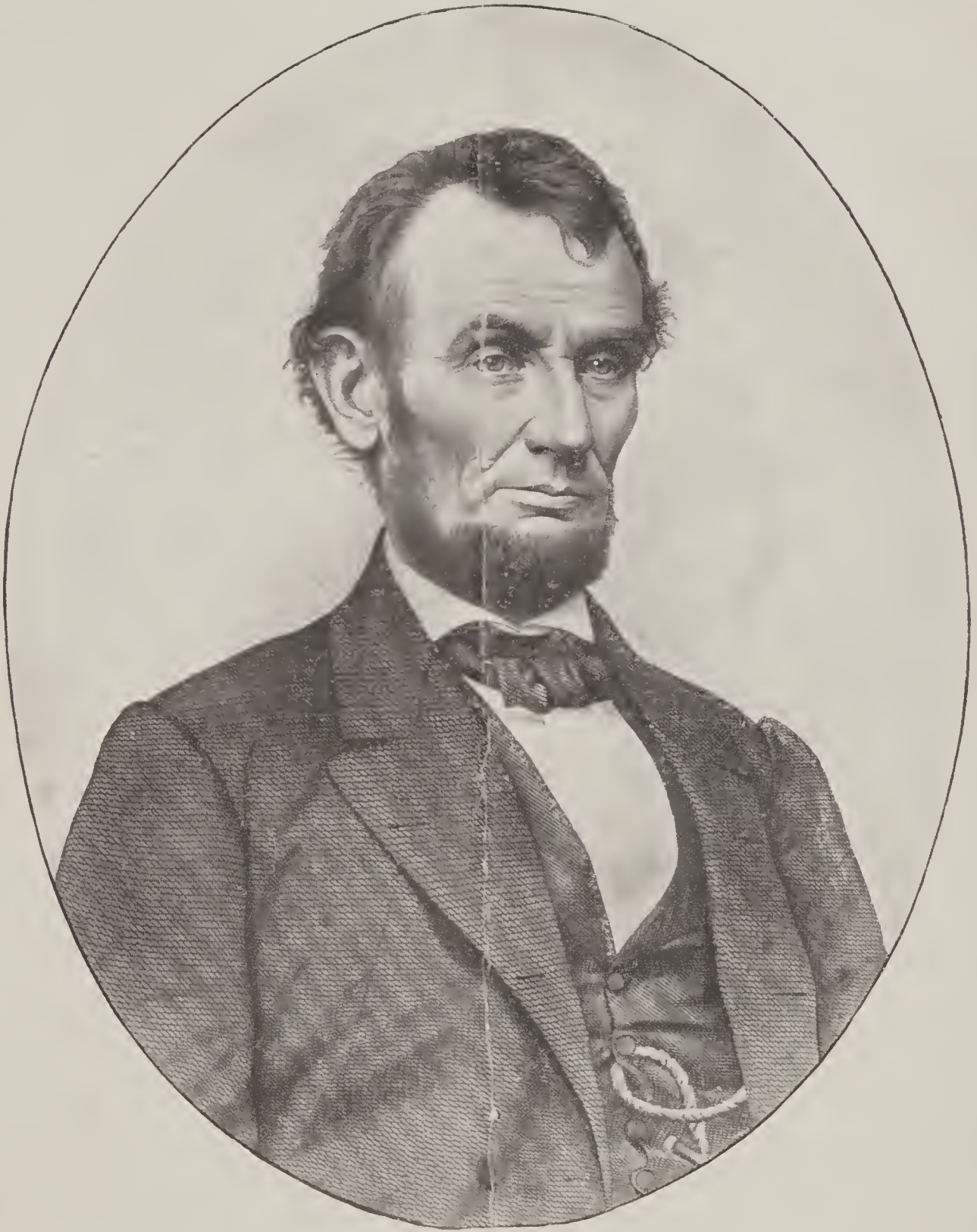
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ODE TO LINCOLN.

Illustrious Lincoln! Freedom's changeless friend!
Thy fame will never fade away,
While men prize *honor, liberty* and *truth*,
And they to *worth* can homage pay;
While on thy tomb, thy countrymen shall strew
The precious flowers of gratitude,
And kindness loves to crown the brows of those
Who nobly labor to do good.

What dark and troublous times thy name recalls!
What telling sacrifices, *grand*,
Made by brave Patriotism's friends, to save
The Union of thy native land:
When dimly shone the brilliant star of hope,
And fear and danger bred unrest;
When War's unholy carnage misery caused
For those who strove to do their best!

To all who now are free from Slavery's chains,
To thee can ne'er *ungrateful* be,
But, *everywhere*, thy *honored* name *revere* —
That stands for *sacred liberty*;
Aye, all who in the betterment of man
A lively interest love to take;
To all who choose to honor *noble lives*,
And Justice' cause would ne'er forsake.

Thy efforts in behalf of the oppressed.
Will *long appreciated* be
By those who strive to benefit mankind
And battle for humanity;
Thy *words of wisdom* and thy *noble deeds*
Will coming generations *bless*,
Because, *in life*, thou never failed to be
A follower of righteousness.

A martyr to sweet Freedom's cherished cause
It was, alas! thy lot to be;
A victim of Assassination's ire
When proud Success *was honoring thee*;
Still, as the wheels of time move on, thy fame
And glorious record *brighter shine*,
As 'round thy brow *thy grateful countrymen*
The *fadeless leaves* of memory twine.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NIMS.



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